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which they intend to exhibit should be sent
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L. GIBBS,
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Hongkong, October 30, 1907. 1707

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Hongkong, October 28, 1907. 1717

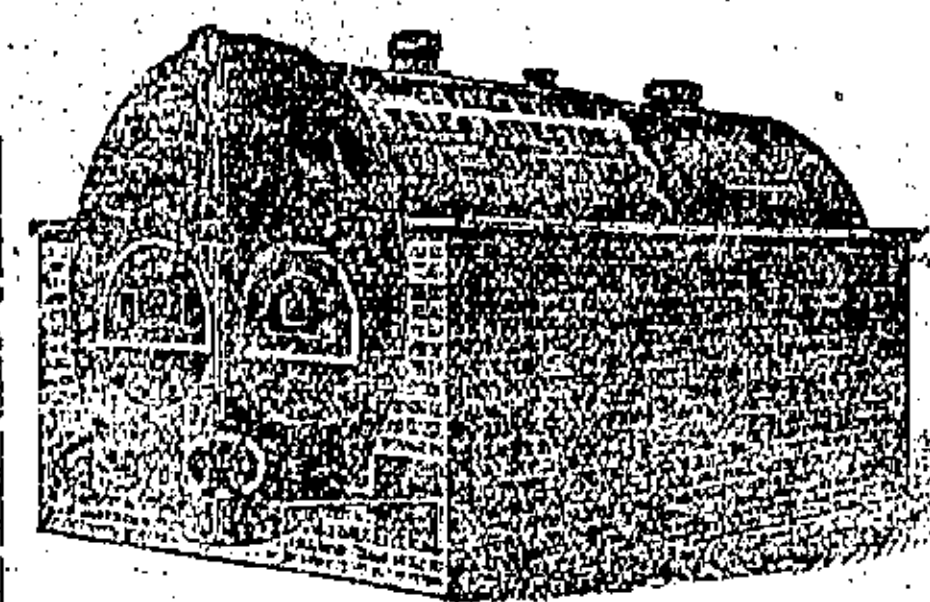
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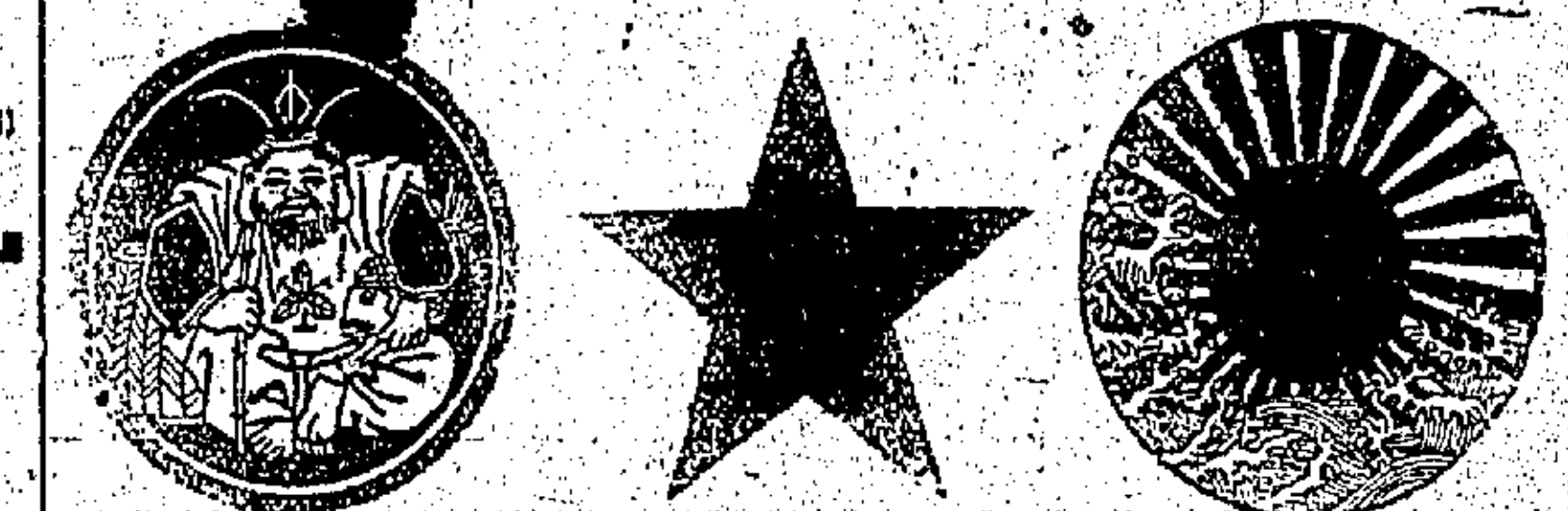
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.
Auction.
2.20 p.m.—Auction Japanese Curio
Co., at Messrs Hughes & Houghton,
Sales Rooms.
Amusement.
1 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
Miscellaneous.
2 p.m.—Military Gun Practice.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, November 4.—
Goods per *Tanaka* unloaded after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.
Goods per *Prinz Ludwig* unloaded
after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, November 5.—
11 a.m.—Auction of 43 Pieces Galvanized
Iron Wire Rope, &c., at Messrs Black-
head & Co.'s Godowns, Kowloon.
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's
Cathedral.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1907.

THE COLONIES AND THE
EMPIRE.

RECENTLY a series of striking articles
appeared in the London "Standard"
on Canada and its position in the
British Empire. It is palpable to
everyone who has followed intelligent-
ly our colonial history for the past
decade that we are upon the eve of
some signal change which will either
solidify our loosely knit Empire or
disrupt it. Canada, Australia and
South Africa are becoming nations, in
fact the former can claim to have
achieved that status already. Only a
few weeks ago the Dominion concluded
a treaty with France, the negotiations
in connection with which were carried
on independently of the Imperial
authorities. Australia has succeeded
in showing her power to restrict the
immigration to her territory even of
British subjects. In the true sense of
the word these self-governing commu-
nities have ceased to be Colonies.
Originally a Colony was a Settlement
of British subjects in some distant
British possession the Government of
which was administered by Imperial
officials, as is the case to-day in Hong-
kong and other Crown Colonies. But
this state of things soon became un-
endurable to the sturdy colonists of
Canada and Australia. Their rapidly
increasing numbers and wealth enabled
them to insist that the slow moving
Colonial Office should no longer be
allowed to obstruct their progress—as
it obstructs to-day the progress of
Hongkong and every other Crown
Colony. Lest it should be thought
that this is a reckless and unsubstan-
tiated charge we invite the reader to
cast his memory back and consider
how many urgently required reforms,
which were supported by the sympathy
of Governors who realised their neces-
sity, have remained "under considera-
tion" for weary months because
Downing Street was either unable or
unwilling to act with promptness.
We stand this because we have to, but
the energetic and enterprising men who
were fighting and slowly conquering
the huge empty wastes of Canada
and Australia could not brook delay.
They were given a degree of liberty
which has enabled them to work out
their domestic salvation.—To all
intent and purposes, within their own
borders, they are independent. This
arrangement worked admirably as long
as those colonies contented themselves
with the production of raw material.
Now, however, they aspire to become
manufacturers. Canada has already a
goodly show of manufacturing indus-
tries, and the position is entirely
changed. Manufacturing countries
must be eternally on the look-out for
new markets. The gravity of the pro-
spective position is found in the fact that
both the Dominion and the Common-
wealth have adopted the policy of pro-
tection. Whatever views may be held
in regard to the desirability of a
protective tariff there can be no doubt
that it is a valuable weapon in the
hands of any country which is striving
for trade. This is obvious. A state
which possesses a tariff can make con-
cessions in order to obtain concessions
from another protected state. But
where one state allows goods to enter
duty free and the other taxes them it
is clear that no concession can be made
by the former state. It has already
surrendered its power to concede or to
revoke. This is how matters stand
as regards Great Britain and her two
greatest Colonies. For the present
they both allow preference to British
goods, which supplies the exception to
the adage that there is no sentiment in
business. But how long will the peo-
ple of Canada and Australia consent
to sacrifice material interests to gen-
tleness? That is a question which
Great Britain must consider, and con-
sider without delay. What the answer
will be it is, of course, impossible to
foretell but we should not be sur-
prised if it leads to a victory for Mr
Chamberlain and those who have
declared with him in favour of tariff
reform.

Despite the denials from Macao the
Chinese papers still publish statements
that the Canton-Macao railway conces-
sion has been cancelled. The "Shan-
pao" of recent date publishes this:—
The Board of Communications has ob-
tained the consent of the Portuguese
Minister to the cancellation of the
concession for building a railway be-
tween Macao and Canton and to declare
the same publicly so as to avoid any
misunderstandings. We were assured
some time ago by Macao residents who
ought to know that the concession was
not to be cancelled. There is something
wrong somewhere.

Most of those who have travelled by
liners have either taken the role of
accessory before the fact or passive suf-
ferer in connection with ship-board
theatricals. All this, we learn, is now
to be changed, at all events for those
who cross the Atlantic in the new
mammoth Canadars. Passengers are
to witness performances every whit as
good as those which are presented in
London and New York. The idea
emanates from Mr Charles Frohman,
whose views on the subject are publish-
ed in the Paris edition of the "New
York Herald." The cost of frequently
transporting companies from one side of
the Atlantic to the other first brought
the subject under Mr Frohman's notice.
"I think the expense part of the diffi-
culty has been solved," he said. "The
arrival of the Lusitania last week with
2,000 passengers aboard gave me an
idea. Why cannot I send an American
company to London every fortnight,
plying them right across the Atlantic,
with a loss of perhaps only a few per-
formances on the way? I am now
negotiating with the Cunard Company
to add to the other departmental equip-
ment of the Lusitania and Mauretania
stage facilities for giving complete
dramatic performances. I will have
plays and players ready. Months like
January, February, and March are not
available for the project, but there are
many other periods when the scheme
would be wholly practical, to the
benefit of the management of the
steamship company, and be a welcome
innovation for the passengers. It is not
improbable that I might utilise the op-
portunity to try the first performance of
new plays in which a company was to
appear in London or New York—a first
night in mid-ocean."

It is reported that the Belgians have
obtained important mining concessions in
China and are preparing to establish a
mining school.

There have been bad inundations at
Nanchow, Hunan, and Anhshing, in
Hunan, and the autumn harvest has been
much affected.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to
acknowledge with thanks the following
donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Hospital Sunday.
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Union Church.....78.20
Wesleyan Chinese Church.....34.55
A. B. Mission Chinese Church.....21.15
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LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.
Last night, with "See See" the
Baudmanns secured another distinct suc-
cess and to-night they put on "The Spring
Chicken."
The cable offices now notify that
telegram can be forwarded to all parts
of the United States without fear of
abnormal delay.
An Al Fresco Fete is to be held at the
R. C. Cathedral on Sunday, November 10,
from 9 to 11 p.m. Tickets already sold for
November 3 will be available for the 10th.
Chinese Military students in Germany
are much appreciated by Germans who
praise them saying that the prospects of
China's army becoming strong is quite
hopeful.
The Chinese Board of Agriculture,
Works and Commerce has compiled
Mining Regulations which have been duly
memorialized to be put in force from the
next spring.
The Peking Government has consulted
with the British Minister to Peking to
open open monopoly offices in provinces
with a representative of the Board concern-
ed in each of such offices.
Poor Rux was fined \$50 by Mr F. A.
Hazelard at the Magistracy this morning
for keeping cows without a license. In-
spectors C. W. T. Brett, Inspector of
Depots, prosecuted.
The hearing of the charges of forgery
arising out of the Po Sang bank action was
continued at the Magistracy this afternoon
before His Worship Mr F. A. Hazelard.
Another adjournment was granted.
Mr Brennan, inventor of the mono-rail
gyroscopic carriages, has been granted
£2,000 by the Indian Government towards
the cost of his experiments in connection
with the design of the full-sized mono-rail
vehicle which he is building for that
Government.
Chen Yi-fang, the Chinese Charge
d'Affaires at London, has wired to the
Peking Government that China may claim
indemnity in writing from the British
Government regarding the damage done to
the Chinese in Vancouver in the late riot
there.
We have been informed that owing to
the sailing date of the Singapore steamer
having been altered, the Baudmann Com-
pany will be here for five nights more.
On Saturday next "The Earl and the Girl"
will be staged and on Monday, "Lady
Madcap." The theatre having been engaged
for Tuesday night for a boxing contest
there will be no performance. The piece
to be played on Wednesday night will be
the "Gay Parisienne."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr Taft is to leave Manila for Vladiv-
stock on the U.S. cruiser Rainbow.
On October 26 two weddings took place
at Shanghai, Miss Mary Manley marrying
Mr J. C. Veir, of Amoy, and Miss E.
Skinner marrying Mr Colin Macdonald, of
Shanghai.
Chou Tse-tsai, the Chinese Charge
d'Affaires at Washington, has wired to the
Peking Government that the U. S.
Government is quite prepared to welcome
Wu Ting-fang and therefore he wishes Wu
Ting-fang would proceed to Washington
immediately.

A marriage has been arranged, and will
take place early next year, between Mr
Arthur Sellmore Jelf, Civil Service, of the
Federated Malay States, son of the Rev.
Dr Jelf, Master of the Charterhouse, and
Blanche, youngest daughter of the late Mr
John Connell, formerly of Bushy Down,
Tooling-common, S.W.

A passenger by the s.s. Eastern from
Australia was L. Yee Hing, a prominent
merchant in Australia, and popular with
shipping and commercial people in Sydney.
Before leaving he was entertained at the
Hotel Australia, and made rather an
important speech on trade possibilities
with China.

Ex-General Stössel, the "hero of Port
Arthur," is, says a German correspondent,
staying at the Friedrichshof Hotel in Ber-
lin, and he claims that the object of his
visit is to consult certain specialists in dis-
orders of the nerves and heart. However,
a most remarkable rumour is current; it
is that the ex-General has asked the Ger-
man Emperor to receive him in a private
interview, as he intends to entrust the
German Emperor to intercede for him with
the Tsar, Stössel is being supported by
some of the leading men in the financial
world in Berlin.

The following fashionable engagements
are announced:—Hon. Mr Robert Duffus,
only son of Mr Alfred Duffus-Pernod, of
88, rue Cardinet, Paris, and Frances
Mary, second daughter of Colonel G.
Christie, Indian Army, of Short Heath
Lodge, Farnham, Surrey.
Mr Courtenay William Temple-Barrow
(late 9th Queen's Royal Lancers), son of
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BY TELEGRAPH.

KRUGER'S GRAVE.

Defilers Arrested.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, October 31.

A telegram from Pretoria states that Lieutenant Clark, of the Yorkshires, Lieut. Herring, of the Royal Engineers, and an ex-civilian named Jackson, have been arrested, in connection with the desecration of Kruger's grave.

All have been released on bail in the sum of £500 each.

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

Orient Contract Arranged.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, October 31.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. A. Deakin, Premier of the Commonwealth, has practically concluded the mail contract negotiations with the Orient Royal Mail Line, which has made substantial concessions to the Australian Government.

CRICKET.

LONDON, October 30.

In the match at Perth between the M. C. C. and the West Australians, the English eleven won by an innings and 134 runs.

THE CRISIS IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, October 30.

\$70,000,000 have been deposited in the National Banks, exceeding the records of the previous financial crisis.

THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

LONDON, October 30.

The Emperor Franz Joseph took a walk yesterday, the first since his illness.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN.

Arrival in London.

LONDON, October 30.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Princess Henry, and a crowd of distinguished persons welcomed the King and Queen of Spain at Victoria. Their Majesties proceeded to Kensington Palace.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES.

LONDON, October 30.

1 Landleague.
2 Malua.
3 Stickup.

There were 15 starters. The race was won by a neck, with two lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

SENSATIONAL ARREST IN EDINBURGH.

LONDON, October 30.

A sensation has been caused in Edinburgh by the arrest of Magistrate Ayling, who had just resigned a partnership in Messrs Constable and Co.'s Publishing Firm. The Magistrate is accused of forging bills to a large amount.

THE LIBEL TRIAL IN GERMANY.

LONDON, October 30.

The dignified attitude of Count Kuno Moltke at the libel trial, and other circumstances, have produced a considerable revulsion of feeling in his favour.

THE WRESTLER'S SWORD.

President Roosevelt received on 28th ult. a visit from Haseki Yama, the champion wrestler of Japan. Viscount Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador, presented the wrestler to Mr. Roosevelt, to whom Yama proffered a gift of an ancient and highly jewelled sword, which the President accepted. The sword, resembling "It comes from the people who for hundreds of years have been the world's greatest swordsmen."

A QUESTION THAT EVERY MAN SHOULD DECIDE FOR HIMSELF.

THERE is one subject in which many of us are interested and that is, what is the quickest way of getting rid of a troublesome cold? It is best to take some new remedy put out with exaggerated claims, or to pin your faith to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation, and is now being sold by all chemists and store-keepers.

EXTRADITION.

Mr. G. E. Morrell, on behalf of the Chinese Government, applied for the extradition of Wong Tsing, and Li Tung, at the Magistrate's office, on a charge of having committed a robbery within the jurisdiction of China.

Evidence was given to the effect that on August 14 the two accused were members of a gang of five which broke into a house at Tai Lok, Nankai, and threatened to kill the occupants of the house unless they disclosed the hiding place in which their money was kept. Li Tung got the keys of the safe and secured about \$165 in cash. Then one of the gang said:—"Sun" (let go) and added, to their victims:—"You may consider yourself lucky."

Mr. Otto Kong Sing defended and the case was adjourned.

CHILDREN'S BAZAAR.

On the Volunteer Parade ground, yesterday afternoon the children of the Colony had a good time, for there were many good things laid out specially for their benefit and two entertainments were held during the afternoon in connection with the bazaar organised by the Hongkong Ministering Children's League, an organisation which has for its object the brightening of the lives of our little tots. Fortunately, in Hongkong there are few European youngsters—if any—whose lives are spent amid squalor and dirt, which comes anywhere near that which characterises the London slums, but nonetheless the Hongkong Association does good work, more so than those who are now conversant with its methods might imagine. Mrs. F. H. May is president of the League and one of its hardest workers, as might have been seen yesterday as she hustled round among her helpers and the visitors, and she is ably supported by her many willing assistants. The bazaar held yesterday was for the purpose of raising funds for distribution among local charities for children and the takings were substantial.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock a concert was held to which Misses Vere David, Vida Grimble, Doris Grimble, and Messrs D. Carter, G. Smyth, H. Hughes, T. Carter, and J. Smyth contributed. The youngsters showed aptitude and their performances indicated careful training.

The "Tableaux Vivants" later in the afternoon attracted quite a crowd and were well staged. The tableaux were:—"Twickenham Ferry"—Mrs. Lee, Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.; "Miller and the Maid"—Mrs. Wait, Mrs. Daniel; "My Lady's Boyer"—Mrs. Marcus Slade; "Three Little Maids"—The Misses Berkeley and Miss Layton; "Love's Old Sweet Song"—Mrs. Mackay; "To-morrow will be Friday"—Mr. Lee, Mr. Worcester, Mr. Daniel and Mr. Hutcheson; "Lazily, Drowsily"—Mrs. Wait, Mrs. Marcus Slade, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mackay, Miss Layton and the Misses Berkeley.

The assistants, without whom a successful day would have been impossible, were:—TEA STALL.—Messdames Hastings, Saunders, Vaughan Lee, Bessley, Fremont, Misses Alice Berkeley, Evelyn Layton, Joan Master, and Kathleen May.

ICE STALL.—Messdames D'Este and Bais.

ONE TOY STALL.—Miss M. Loureiro, assisted by Mrs. Steadman, Misses Chapman, Marie Rozario, Ellen Hastings and Iris May.

TOY STALL.—Miss Tuxford assisted by Mrs. Parker.

SWEET STALL.—Miss L. Loureiro assisted by Madame Brubaker, Mrs. Macdonald, Misses Rodger and Mary Jane Rodger.

Other stalls were presided over by Mrs. Peter, Mrs. Longridge, Mrs. Carter, Miss Danby, Mrs. Bateson-Wright, Miss Chisholm, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Robson, assisted by many children. Master Carl Hodgins presided over a banting swing, and there were also a toboggan slide, a 10 cent dip and dunking for pineapples in a tub which caused much amusement.

The proceeds of the bazaar amounted to \$1400.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ROYAL H.K. YACHT CLUB.

(To the Editor of THE CHINA MAIL.)

SIR,—As yachting is just getting under way I would like to throw out a suggestion re the cruisers. As they are so mixed and a race is generally unsatisfactory I would suggest a challenge cup on the lines of the Royal Cruising Cup of England, the rules for which are, in brief: The cup will be awarded to the member who, during the season, shall have carried out the most novel, enterprising, skilful and instructive cruise. The cruise might be performed in any kind of craft, whether propelled by steam, sails, oars or paddles. In adjudicating the prize the judges shall attach special weight to the difficulties overcome and the skill displayed, especially having regard to the nature and size of the craft in which the cruise shall have been carried out. Competitors will in every case have to take an active part in the navigation of their vessels—not to be mere passengers in the hands of their skippers. There are several other interesting details in the winning of the cup, and I have several journals giving the prize cruises. If the idea takes root I shall give what details I have.—Yours, etc., E. B. S.

[The idea mooted by E. B. S. seems to be one that will lend interest to cruising and encourage imaginations, though we take it, the cruises are to be generally recorded. Imaginations must, therefore, be left at home. If the R.H.K.Y.C., or some enthusiastic yachtsman does not feel disposed to put up a cup for competition the China Mail, Ltd., might do so, judges to be elected by the owners of cruisers, and details of cruises to be forwarded to this office. We are ready to give any assistance we can in the promotion of the proposal.—Ed., C. M.]

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, October 4.

The "regular sittings of Parliament Out-of-Session" begin to-morrow with the speech of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman at Edinburgh. In a few days the case for the Opposition will be presented by Lord Lansdowne. Then the flood-gates will be opened, and there will be no slackening of the spate till there comes the truce of Christmas time. It is a curious fact that in their agitation against the House of Lords the Scottish Radicals have had to call to their aid Lord Crewe, Dr. Macnamara, Mr. Lloyd George and other English speakers, while at the same time some of the ablest Scottish members, such as Mr. Morley, Mr. Haldane, and Mr. Asquith, are taking no part in the campaign proper. Why should Mr. Haldane and Mr. Asquith be holding aloof? To see how the cat jumps? One writer suggests it is because they recognise that "a definite political reaction has set in North of the Tweed against the single-chamber policy of the Government, its land scheme, and its tendency towards the encouragement of militant Socialism." Indeed, these two Liberal Leaguers are shrewdly suspected of a desire to keep on good terms with the middle party which is now raising its head among the Liberals, and nowhere more noticeable than in Scotland. The season which is now opening, therefore, may be one of unusual importance in the region of Home policy, and most certainly of great influence as regards the wider Imperial politics.

The Admiralty, I understand, are now having plans prepared with a view to the letting of contracts for some of the constructional work at Rosyth Harbour. But a definite step will probably not be taken until next year; and even then progress must necessarily be slow. In the first place, the plans must be approved by the Board of Admiralty, and as the works now to be proceeded with, although of limited extent, must conform to a general scheme, care must be exercised in the general arrangement. The idea at the moment is to proceed with a wet basin and a graving dock, and it has been decided to build the walls of great rectangular concrete, hoyer upon layers—a procedure well known and favoured by engineers. It is expected that a fairly large sum will be included in next year's Navy Estimates for progress with this constructional work.

The language used by Mr. Keir Hardie in India has been universally condemned by the press of Scotland, by the Radicals as severely as by the Unionists. The Hon. Menzies, a Scot, who knew the man and his manners; and we are able to put the true value on his utterances. But it is a different matter in the East, where undue importance may be attached to what he says. The "Glasgow Herald" speaks of him slightly as a specimen of those famous objects known as "a politician on the loose," and thinks that at Calcutta he must have been under the influence of "a temperature of a hundred and even many more degrees." The "Citizen" says that his appearance "show the weakness of the man, his lack of knowledge and understanding, and his indifference to anything but applause." The Edinburgh "Evening News," an Anti-Imperialist, is of opinion that "Mr. Keir Hardie could not be regarded as a sensible man if he compared India to Russia, or the recent doings in Eastern Bengal to what went on in Armenia a few years ago." The "Dundee Advertiser," which is strongly Radical, says that "if Mr. Keir Hardie could be quietly led out of India just now and deposited in some cooler corner of the Empire, it would be well for any little reputation for sobriety and judgment he may possess; and if Mr. Morley were to issue the necessary orders, there are few who would not commend his courage and statesmanship."

The "Scottish" Parliamentary correspondent writes that "When Mr. Keir Hardie announced his intention to seek the restoration of his health by a tour round the world, there were grave misgivings among his labour colleagues in the House of Commons. He has probably a smaller stock of political sagacity than any one of those members of whom he is the titular leader, and his emotional enthusiastic temperament, combined with a vanity which would be offensive if it were not so ingenuous, has made him an easy prey to the Indian agitators. The only result of his mission is to cause embarrassment to his political friends of the saner sort."

For two months and a half, a party of Royal Engineers have been occupied in one of the most inaccessible regions of the Grampian Hills. To the east of them is the peak of Ben-y-Glo; to the west the black, bold summit of Ben Dearg; and on the other sides are great wastes of moorland and hill. The purpose of the camp in the wilds of Perthshire was to experiment with a new airship, and although the matter was kept as quiet as possible, rumours of it reached the headquarters of several Scottish newspapers. To the credit of the responsible editors be it said that they kept a discreet patriotic silence. Not a single word was allowed to appear in their columns during the first eight of those weeks.

Unfortunately, some of the correspondents of "yellow" London rags happened to be in the Highlands at the time that Mr. Haldane delivered his Blair Athole speech, and they got wind of the aeroplane. Their astonishment at the reticence of their Scottish colleagues knew no bounds. "You know all this, and you did not publish anything about it?" they cried in effect,

and they characterised it as "look of enterprise." What followed may easily be guessed. The Cockney sensation mongers seized upon every scrap of gossip, and sent it South for publication. It is satisfactory to know that so close was the watch kept by the gillies and shepherds that the pressmen could not get near the camp, and had to witness the trial "through powerful field-glasses." All they were able to gather was that the aeroplane looked "like a large butterfly," and that the revolving screws had "the appearance of Catherine wheels."

Now that the matter has become to some extent public property, I may permit myself to state that the site for the camp has been placed at the disposal of the aeronauts by the Duke of Athole. Sentries are posted on the flanking hills with field-glasses through which they survey all who venture on the adjoining heights, and even the postman is not allowed to approach too near. The experiments are being carried out by Mr. Dunn, the designer of the aeroplane, Lieutenant Westland, and three other officers, who are assisted by non-commissioned officers of the Royal Engineers. They live in a camp, and the aeroplane is housed in a shed a quarter of a mile up the glen. No one is allowed to go near it, even the men in the camp, except those who are intimately connected with the working of the machine.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

HONGKONG CLUB.

On the Club's ground, to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m., a match will be played between Probables and Possibles.

The following are the selected players:—PROBABLES.—W. G. D. Turner, H. Hancock, A. E. Lanning, Lt. J. M. G. Taylor, 11th Inf., H. R. Mackin, Capt. H. M. Beasley, R. A., Lt. R. S. Lucy, R. A., W. A. Powell, E. A. Fowler, Corp. Sharpe, 3rd Mid. Regt., A. N. Other.

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CIVIL SERVICE F. PARKER.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club against the Purses on the former's ground, to-morrow, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp: P. T. Lambie, E. W. Dawson, A. R. F. Blackie, L. E. Brett, A. G. Pile, P. R. Adams, C. W. Brett, A. Mulholland, F. Bacon, J. A. Kurdy and A. M. Thornhill.

Umpire: Mr. W. H. Woolley.

League Cricket.

CRAMER L. G. TELEGRAPH.

This League Match will take place on the former Club's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. sharp. The Cramers' team will be:—L. E. Lammert (Capt.), M. E. Asger, A. O. Brown, R. Basa, J. D. Kinnaird, E. Irving, R. Pestonji, L. A. Rose, R. B. Cooper, J. W. Stewart, and G. Evans. Reserve:—A. E. Asger.

The H.K.C.C. "A" will play its first League fixture at Army Staff, on the Military ground at 2.15 p.m. sharp, to-morrow, being represented by: W. F. F. Swan, H. H. Taylor, H. Wilson, R. N. S. Robinson, R. N. R. Dr. F. H. Kow, J. H. Gardiner, S. S. Logan, S. Moore, J. H. Chalmers, W. Ironside, and two others.

LEAGUE TABLE.

CLUB	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per Centage
Civil Service	2	2	0	0	4	100.00
R. G. A.	2	2	0	0	4	100.00
Middlesex	1	1	0	0	2	100.00
Cramers	2	1	1	0	2	50.00
Army Staff	3	1	2	0	2	33.33
Kowloon	1	0	1	0	0	0.00
Hongkong Police	2	0	2	0	0	0.00
A win = 1; A Draw = 0; A Loss = -1.						

Rugby Football.

The Hongkong Football Club will play H. M. S. Tamar to-morrow afternoon at 4.30 p.m., playing in colours. The team is as follows: T. C. Gray, L. J. Wishart, A. S. Kempthorne, F. C. Carroll, W. J. Daniel, A. V. Monk, L. J. Blackburne, E. C. East, F. C. Hall, R. G. Munro, W. B. Stanton, B. Johnson, H. W. Lester, P. Linton and A. P. Usher.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 1st at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen moderately to considerably over the China coast and Japan respectively.

An area of high pressure lies over the Yellow Sea, and the lowest pressure is over the Pacific to the N.E. of Japan. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. wind moderate; fair, lies over the Yellow Sea.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. wind, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 2.

CHINA SIXTY-TWO YEARS AGO.

Three olim seminibus juvenit.

The following items are from the CHINA MAIL of the 23rd October, 1845.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Complaints having in some instances been made of the incompetency of the Chinese pilots, the masters of merchant vessels are reminded that they should consult their own security by taking proper care to employ only such persons as have obtained a license in English and Chinese from the British Consul, granted on the production of certificates from at least three masters of merchant-men as to the requisite degree of qualification. After the previous official notices on this subject the neglect of such necessary precaution might justly exonerate the insurers from any liability in case of accident.

BY ORDER.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, etc., etc., has much satisfaction in giving publicity to the annexed extract of a despatch from Mr. Consul Alocok at Foochow, conveying intelligence of the condign punishment which that zealous and able public officer had procured to be inflicted on some Tartars who insulted the Interpreter of the Consulate within the Manchu division of the city. The Tartar General has thus deemed it necessary to inflict on his own people a degrading Chinese punishment from which they have generally been considered to be exempt; and His Excellency deems it almost superfluous to add to this notification his hope and expectation that, after this proof of sincerity on the part of the local authorities, all British subjects who resort to that now and almost untrodden path will concur to prove their superiority to the ignorant people of the place by affording them no excuse or pretext for a repetition of their rude conduct.

EXTRACT OF THE DESPATCH FROM MR. CONSUL ALOCOK.

The magistrates brought enquiries after Mr. Parkes from the Governor General, and information to me that His Excellency had, in company with the Lieutenant Governor, lost no time in proceeding to the residence of the Tartar General to consult with him as to the most expedient measures for the severe punishment of the offenders, that several had already been seized by the Tartar General's officers, and were about to be handed over for heavy punishment. The Tartar General's chief adviser, a man of considerable rank, had taken place. Six men had been traced and seized, on the information obtained from one who had confessed: three of these being young, had been severely beaten with bamboo and sent home, three older and more hardened were reserved for the punishment which I considered was a peculiar privilege of a Tartar to be exempt, and they were now posted one at each of the three gates, viz., the South, the East, and the Hot Spring Gates, with a placard stating their offence. After the period of confinement had elapsed they would then receive additional punishment of the bamboo. The Tartar General having thus condemned these men, contrary to their own laws, to a degrading punishment unusual among them, to prove his detestation of the offence committed, the officer was instructed to say that he trusted this would be considered quite satisfactory, and that I should no longer deem it necessary to make reference on the subject to Hongkong.

Shortly after their departure I received an answer from the Governor General. Translations of these documents are enclosed.

This morning I determined to proceed to the Hot Springs to make a further examination of one of these as I should thus pass through the various gateways where the prisoners were stationed, and the quarter of the city where the disturbances took place, and without seeming to exult over the punished man by making them a principal object yet find an opportunity of ascertaining whether Mr. Parkes could verify them as the real offenders, and forming my own opinion, from personal observation, as to the temper of the people after they had passed through the ordeal.

Mr. Parkes was enabled, he informs me, to verify one, and he believes a second. On the cage is written their offence as above described.

FROM THE Peking GAZETTE.

The Governor of Szechuen, in a very elaborate paper, states that a number of societies who rely upon gods and demons, hold altars and carry on a very improper worship, have recently been discovered within his jurisdiction. They call themselves the Blue Lily Society, hold frequent meetings, use spells and incantations and are rank heretics. In their meeting house the soldiers found a wood and an iron sword, with sundry books and essays on their religion. As it is a heinous offence to dissent from generally received opinions or tenets, the Governor has put them all into prison, to be dealt with according to law.

THE OVERLAND MAIL.

The condition in which the Southampton portion of the last Overland Mail was found at Hongkong demands some enquiry, especially as we understand that on the previous occasion of the "Lady Mary Wood's" arrival part of the same mail was similarly damaged. We can speak from experience as to the last, all our Southampton letters having been more or less injured, while one of them, except the address and a few words of the contents, was utterly undecipherable. Our case is by no means a singular one; on the contrary, the few letters which have come in the Southampton boxes in a sound state are the exception.

It is said that the boxes got wet in the Nile, and were in this state shaken on the camel's backs. From the appearance of such letters as we have seen, we should say this explanation is not very satisfactory. The damage does not look so like the effect of friction as of damp or mildew, by which the writing has been obliterated; while the letters that have been watered were most of them delivered open.—The friction does not seem to have been greater than occurs on board ship, and but for the damp would have done little harm. It will be a strange coincidence if the misfortune having occurred only twice should have been both times with the mails by the same vessel. We shall by and by learn if those for India, which must have been exposed to the same risk in crossing Egypt, have been similarly injured.

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ANOTHER WAR SCARE.

The "Osaka Asahi" has received the following London telegram, dated October 18th:—"It is reported from St. Petersburg that statements made by irresponsible Russians who have returned home after visiting Japan, to the effect that that country is engaged in making warlike preparations on a large scale, have been accepted in Russia as well-founded. In the course of some comments on the assertions, the Russ declares that Japan has aggressive designs on the eastern part of Siberia, and urges that Russia should enter into a temporary agreement with Germany and America for the purpose of frustrating Japan's intentions. At the same time, the Anglo-Russian Agreement should be converted into an Alliance."

THE FLOUR MARKET.

The following report is from Australia: WHEAT. The remarkable advances made in the values of wheat in London during the last week or two, have been at once reflected here, but at the same time, local conditions have been such as to account for the advance in prices and put them rather above London parity. The weather conditions recently prevailing in the Australian States, more particularly Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, threaten to result in very serious shortage of the wheat crop next harvest. In many districts in all these States, the crops are very backward now, owing to the lack of adequate rainfall, and in some few cases have already entirely gone off. But in the majority of cases, heavy general rains would even now serve to save the situation; they must come, however, within the next 2 or 3 weeks to be of any good. In Sydney, wheat may be now quoted at 4/8 to 4/9 per bus. on rails. On Oct. 8 it was sold at 4/7, and at the latter end of last week at 4/8, the early part of last week at 4/4½ per bus. of 60 lbs. so it will readily be seen the market is a steadily advancing one.

Flour. Values have advanced in sympathy with the advance in wheat, at the same time they have not responded so generally as might have been expected, and in one or two cases some cheap lines have been picked up, that is to say cheap as compared with the cost of producing flour from present price wheat. Cheap sellers, however, are gradually being picked up by larger operators, and their stocks thus absorbed. It will be increasingly difficult to get cheap flour in the near future. Flour for export in calico quarter sacks is quoted at £20/0 per ton F.O.B., with the probability of this quotation being exceeded in the very near future. The high price of mill offal has also tended to prevent any sharp advance in flour, quite commensurate with the advance in wheat values. Still, directly mill offal reaches a normal level, cheap flour will become scarcer. The outlook at present for next season's crop is too serious to admit of any indication being given as to prices likely to rule for Nov., Dec., Jan., everything will depend entirely upon the rains that should fall this month.

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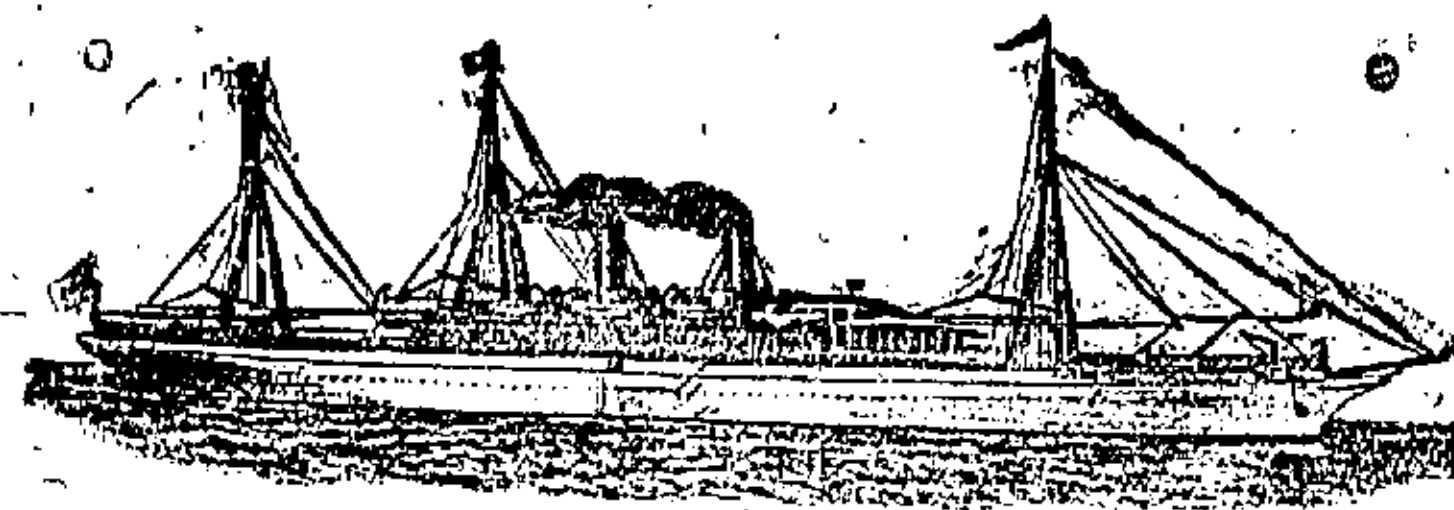
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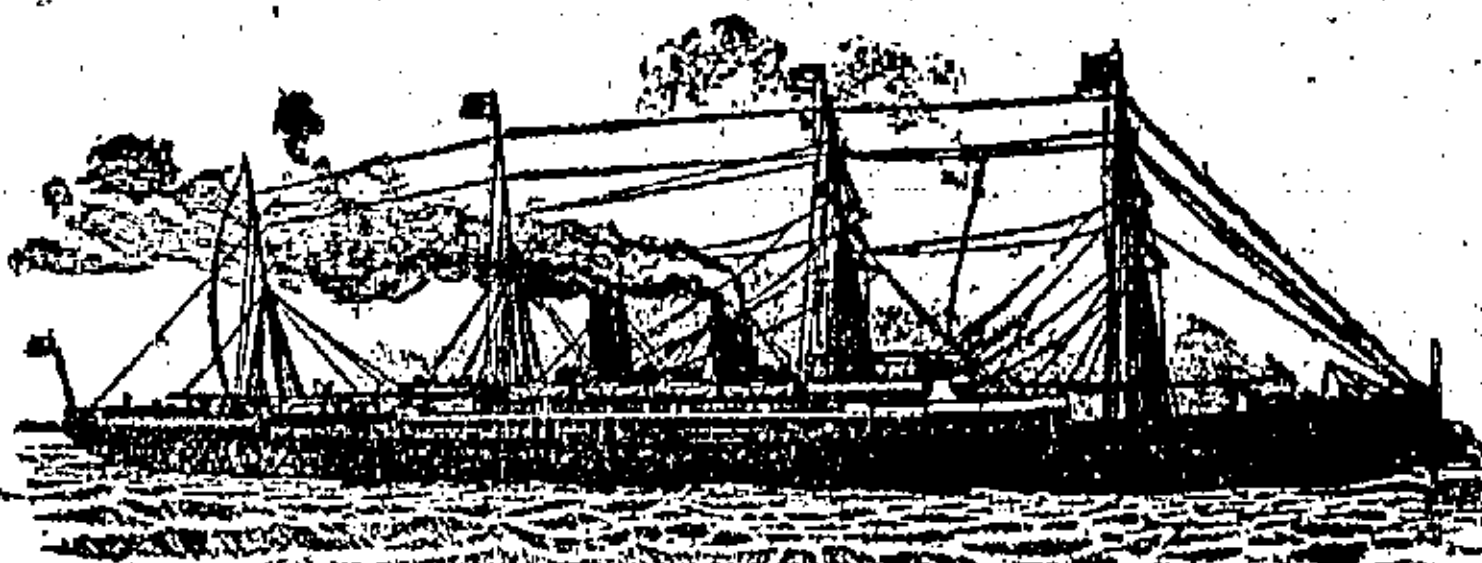
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THE TORTURES IN SUMATRA.

Report that Similar Cruelties are not Unusual.

The torture case in Sumatra within the jurisdiction of the Resident of Rho, particulars of which we gave on the authority of a Batavia journal, the Nieuws van den Dag, is likely to result in further developments.

The torture was of witnesses, and took place about two months before the trial at which they gave the evidence for the prosecution thus tortured. The officer who tortured them had served in Aceh, and probably applying the methods practised there.

The Resident of Rho reported the facts to Government as soon as they came to his knowledge.

The above journal is informed that at Indragiri, where the torture incident happened, such things are not at all uncommon.

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HERE IS PROOF FROM MYNDORA (D.E.I.) THAT THE PILLS ARE PERMANENT.

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"I am employed as Stationmaster here at Seneang, by the Malacca Steam Tram Road, about five years ago. I contracted Malaria Fever."

At the same time, my hands, my feet, and my face became very hot, my digestion was



came very bad and I began to suffer exceedingly from pains across the back and shoulders and from dizziness. What little food I ate came up again, my stomach was too weak to retain it, and I found that night and my rest was disturbed by sleep and dreams. I always felt weary. My eyes were yellow. The European doctors whom I consulted failed to bring anything like permanent relief. For two years I continued in this miserable, invalid state.

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